

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Status of the Claims

Claims 1, 3-10, 12-18, 20-22 and 24-27 were pending prior to this amendment. Applicants have amended claims 1, 10, 13 and 21; and canceled claims 6, 12, 14 and 24. No new claims have been added. Therefore, claims 1, 3-5, 7-10, 13, 15-18, 20-22 and 25-27 remain pending after this amendment.

Claims 1, 3-5, 7-10, 13, 15-18, 20-22 and 25-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over the cited portions of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0069845 ("Goldstein") in view of the cited portions of U.S. Patent No. 6,453,300 ("Simpson").

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and remarks made herein.

Amendments

Claim 1 has been amended to include the following recitations:

“transmitting from the host computer system a user identifier which allows a user to access usage information relating to a presentation instrument;
receiving at the host computer system the user identifier and a request from the user to view the usage information; and
sending a file to a computer of the user, wherein the file comprises the usage information.”

Claims 10, 13, and 21 have been amended to include similar limitations. These amendments are supported throughout the specification and particularly at paragraph 35 on page 10, and original claims 6, 12, 14 and 24.

Applicants respectfully submit that no new material is added by these amendments.

Claims 1, 10, 13 and 21

Claim 1 stands rejected under §103(a) as being unpatentable over Goldstein in view of Simpson. Applicants have amended claim 1 to include the recitations discussed above. Applicants respectfully submit that neither Goldstein, Simpson, nor U.S. Patent Application Publication 2004/0064412 to Phillips et al. ("Phillips"), previously used to reject now canceled claims 6, 12, 14 and 24, teach or suggest these limitations.

Merely by way of example, claim 1 now includes recitations which include transmitting from a host computer a user identifier which allows a user to access usage information, and receiving the user identifier to view the usage information. Applicant can find no mention in Goldstein and Simpson of usage information, much less user identifiers allowing access. While Phillips does discuss monitoring of an account (Phillips, paragraph 35), Phillips does not discuss user identifiers or other data which allows such access to occur, and therefore also does not discuss such access allowing data being delivered from a host computer which also manages presentation instrument orders.

Because the cited references does not teach or suggest all of the limitations of claim 1, a prima facie case of obviousness is not established for claim 1 as amended. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the §103(a) rejection, and believe that claim 1 is allowable for at least this reason.

Claims 10, 13 and 21 include similar limitations to those discussed above in regard to claim 1. Therefore, Applicants also believe that claims 10, 13 and 21 are allowable for at least the same reasons as claim 1, and respectfully request withdrawal of the §103(a) rejection of claims 10, 13 and 21.

Claims 1, 10, 13 and 21

Claims 3-5, 7-9, 15-18, 20, 22 and 25-27 each depend, either directly or indirectly, to one of independent claims 1, 10, 13 or 21, and are therefore believed to be allowable at least by virtue of their dependence from an allowable base claim. Therefore Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the §103(a) rejection of these claims.

CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

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